

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7010 of the First Extraordinary Session

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judge James B. "Buddy" Scott, Jr., of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Judge James B. "Buddy" Scott, Jr., an outstanding jurist who faithfully discharged his duties on the bench for twenty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Scott became the circuit and criminal court judge for Anderson County in 1978 and was reelected every election thereafter until his retirement in 2005; and

WHEREAS, prior to his illustrious tenure on the bench, Judge Scott served as assistant district attorney general for Roane, Loudon, Blount, Meigs, and Morgan counties; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, he was elected as a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention, representing Roane and Anderson counties; he served as chairman of the committee responsible for drafting an amendment to the Tennessee Constitution relative to taxation; and

WHEREAS, Judge Scott next served as assistant district attorney general for Anderson, Scott, Campbell, Union, Fentress, and Claiborne counties; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, he was elected district attorney general for the 7th Judicial District, which consisted solely of Anderson County; in this capacity, he was instrumental in the passage of Tennessee's vehicular homicide law; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who appreciated the importance of good citizenship, Judge Scott gave back to his community as chairman of the board of directors for the Museum of Appalachia and chairman of the Committee of Governmental Affairs for the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a native of Charleston, West Virginia, James B. Scott, Jr., was the son of the late James Beveridge and Mary Ann Scott; he moved to Oak Ridge with his family at an early age and graduated from Oak Ridge High School in 1954; and

WHEREAS, he attended the University of Tennessee on a football scholarship and earned his J.D. from the University of Tennessee School of Law in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Judge Scott is survived by his wife, Mildred Kidwell Scott; son, James K. "Jim" Scott; daughters, Dana Pemberton (Judge Mike Pemberton) and Annie Duncan (Jeremy Duncan); grandchildren, Jack Scott, Sam Scott, Michael Pemberton, Drew Duncan, and John Duncan; sister Frances Crisp; and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Sally Josenhans and an infant sister; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his brilliant career, Judge Buddy Scott distinguished himself as a prosecutor and judge committed to the highest precepts of justice, and we should pay homage to his bountiful life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Judge James B. "Buddy" Scott, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his steadfast service to the 7th Judicial District and Anderson County as district attorney general and circuit and criminal court judge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Judge Scott.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.